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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for managing credit limits of accounts receivable, the method comprising [[the]] steps of:

receiving purchase order data of a customer;

calculating an account receivable of the purchase order according to the received purchase order data;

retrieving credit limit data of the customer from a database server, wherein each customer has a corresponding credit rating, and each credit rating has a particular set credit limit;

comparing the account receivable of the purchase order with [[a]] the credit limit of the customer;

notifying a relevant officer to refuse the purchase order when the account receivable of the purchase order exceeds the credit limit; and

notifying a relevant officer to accept the purchase order when the account receivable of the purchase order does not exceed the credit limit, and subtracting the sum of the account receivable of the purchase order from the credit limit in the database server.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising [[the]] steps of:

receiving payment data of the customer; and

adding a sum of a payment of the customer to the credit limit in the database server.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein
the step of adding the sum of the payment to the credit limit in
the database server comprises [[the]] steps of:
retrieving accounts receivable data on the customer from the
database server;
balancing accounts receivable of the customer according to the
payment data; and
increasing the credit limit according to the balanced accounts
receivable.

Claims 4-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for managing credit limits of
accounts receivable, the method comprising [[the]] steps of:
setting a plurality of credit ratings, each of the credit ratings
corresponding to a particular credit limit;
selecting a credit rating for each of customers, corresponding
credit rating data being stored in a database server;
receiving purchase order data of a particular customer;
calculating an account receivable of the purchase order according
to the received purchase order data;
retrieving credit limit data of the customer from the database
server;
comparing the account receivable of the purchase order with a
credit limit of the customer;
notifying a relevant officer to refuse the purchase order when the
account receivable of the purchase order exceeds the credit limit;
notifying a relevant officer to accept the purchase order when the
account receivable of the purchase order does not exceed the

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credit limit, and subtracting the sum of the account receivable of the purchase order from the credit limit in the database server;

receiving payment data of the customer; and

adding a sum of a payment of the customer to the credit limit in the database server.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of adding the sum of the payment to the credit limit in the database server comprises [[the]] steps of:

retrieving accounts receivable data on the customer from the database server;

balancing accounts receivable of the customer according to the payment data; and

increasing the credit limit according to the balanced accounts receivable.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A process of updating a bad account provision, comprising steps of:

retrieving accounts receivable data;

confirming types of accounts receivable, wherein said types have different bad account provision rates;

confirming ages of the accounts receivable wherein the an account receivable having a longer overdue time has a higher bad account provision rate;

automatically selecting different bad account provision rates for said accounts receivable based upon both said types and said ages; and

calculating [[a]] current bad account provision for the accounts receivable based upon the accounts receivable types, the accounts receivable ages, and the corresponding bad account provision rates.

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